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ABSTRACT

Solid waste management ranks third after schools and roads in most municipal budgets in the United States. Maximizing the separation of recyclable materials that can be reused may offer the highest priority and best use of our waste and should receive high priority in a solid waste management plan. This manual deals with the recycling of material that has gone through its useful life. Industrial waste is not included. It is based on the organizing techniques proven successful through the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) System. Topics include the KAB system, developing programs, and recycling of: (1) aluminum; (2) paper; (3) glass; (4) plastics; (5) scrap iron and steel; (6) used tires; (7) used oil; and (8) composting. Each topic is discussed in terms of background, markets, material characteristics, resources, and references. Appendices include a discussion of how to design a recycling center, a glossary of terms, a section on recycling equipment including a company and equipment directory, a list of recycling organizations, officials, and programs; and a list of "Keep America Beautiful, Inc., Corporate Sponsors 1986-1987." (CW)

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